

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 1 through 3, 5 through 10, and 12 through 18 are pending, with Claims 1, 8, 16, and 17 being independent. Claim 17 has been amended to attend to a typographical matter.

Claims 1 through 3, 5 through 10, and 12 through 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over U.S. Patent Appln. Pub. No. 2003/0169349 A1 (Aoi, et al.) in view of U.S. Patent Nos. 6,031,999 (Ogawa) and 5,963,255 (Anderson, et al.), and Official Notice. All rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 1 and 8 variously recite, inter alia, judging, during writing of the image data or the data other than the image in the recording medium, if a power supply capacity of the power supply means (Claim 1) or of electric power supplied to the display device (Claim 8) becomes smaller than a predetermined first capacity, in combination with reducing the electric power to be supplied to the display means when the supply capacity of the power supply means (Claim 1) or of the electric power (Claim 8) becomes smaller than the predetermined first capacity, wherein, when the power supply control means reduces the electric power to be supplied to the display means, the display unit is used to display that a process is being executed (Claim 1) or wherein, when the electric power to be supplied to the display device is reduced in the power supply step, the power control step includes supplying electric power to the display unit to display that a process is being executed (Claim 8).

Claims 16 and 17 variously recite, inter alia, judging, during writing of the image data or the data other than the image in the recording medium, if a power supply capacity of the power supply means (Claim 16) or a supply capacity of electric power supplied to the image processing apparatus (Claim 17) becomes smaller than a

predetermined first capacity, in combination reducing the electric power to be supplied to the image processing apparatus while assuring electric power to be supplied to the recording means when the supply capacity of the power supply means becomes smaller than the predetermined first capacity (Claim 16) or when it is determined in the judging step that the supply capacity becomes smaller than the predetermined first capacity (Claim 17), wherein, when the power supply control means reduces the electric power to be supplied to the image processing apparatus, a separate display unit is used to display that a process is being executed (Claim 16) or wherein, when the electric power to be supplied to the image processing apparatus is reduced in the reducing step, a separate display unit is used to display that a process is being executed (Claim 17).

However, Applicant respectfully submits that none of Aoi, et al., Ogawa, and Anderson, et al., and Official Notice, even in combination, assuming, arguendo, that the documents could be combined, discloses or suggests at least the above-discussed combinations of claimed features as recited, inter alia, in Claims 1, 8, 16, and 17, including the claimed display of a process being executed, when reducing. The Official Action states that Aoi, et al. lacks such features, and relies upon Ogawa for showing prohibiting activation of devices in a specified order such as an order of power consumption (col. 8, lines 9 through 19), and upon Anderson, et al. for its power state 2. However, Applicant respectfully submits that neither the foregoing nor the remainder of these documents provides either a description or a suggestion of the above-discussed claimed combination of features. Further the Official Notice is respectfully traversed in the absence of a cited reference. MPEP 2144.03. In addition, Applicant respectfully submits that there has been no showing of any indication of motivation in the cited documents that would lead one having ordinary skill in the art to arrive at the above-discussed claimed combinations of features.

The dependent claims are also submitted to be patentable because they set forth additional aspects of the present invention and are dependent from independent claims discussed above. Therefore, separate and individual consideration of each dependent claim is respectfully requested.

Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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